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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 10 November 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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In response to the Director's question, Briggs said he didn't know what precipitated CIA's statement (attached) about the Wilson/Terpil case which appeared in this morning's newspaper. Stein remarked that when he was testifying before the SSCI last week, Senators Chafee and Moynihan advised the Agency to "stand tall and stop taking the rap." Briggs requested that the Agency not make categoric statements while the Wilson/Terpil investigation is continuing. []

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[] reported that the NFIC and SIG(I) on the budget will meet on 18 November. []

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Fitzwater reported that all Agency components have moved into [] Building and OSO will move [] on 5 December. []

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[] said he believed the time was ripe for an overall estimate of the use of chemical warfare by the Soviets for their surrogates. He noted further the draft estimate on East-West trade--which pertains to the vulnerabilities of the Soviets to constraints on trade--is on track. []

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Text of the C.I.A.'s Statement

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9— Following is the text of a statement released today by the Central Intelligence Agency on the activities of two former C.I.A. agents.

The Central Intelligence Agency categorically denies all allegations involving it in illegal acts allegedly committed by former employees Edwin P. Wilson and Frank Terpil and their associates.

In 1976 when information was first received that former agency employee Edwin Wilson had engaged in allegedly illegal activities, the then Director of Central Intelligence conducted an extensive investigation of all known contacts with Wilson subsequent to his resignation in 1971. The investigation did not establish any official involvement by the C.I.A. Some employees were found to have provided support to Wilson and Terpil without official

agency sanction and action was taken against them.

In accordance with executive order 12036, all allegations of criminal complicity have been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United States Attorney's Office, those agencies having law enforcement authority.

The agency has continued to look into all new allegations of misconduct on the part of current and past employees and thus far has found none. The agency is continuing to cooperate fully with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in its broad examination of illegal and unethical activities by former Government employees.